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April 1, 2005

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From: David Sanders, Ph.D.   
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**OCTOBER 19, 2004, BOARD AGENDA ITEM 12, INTERIM REPORT RE:  
AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL PROVISIONS OF THE GROUP HOME FOSTER  
CARE (GH) CONTRACT AND TO THE FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY FOSTER CARE  
(FFA) CONTRACT**

Resulting from Auditor-Controller audit findings on FFAs and GHs indicating fiscal compliance problems, on October 19, 2004, your Board approved a motion directing DCFS, County Counsel and the Auditor-Controller to develop amendments to strengthen fiscal accountability in the FFA and GH contracts and provide your Board an interim progress report.

In the past several months, DCFS, County Counsel and the Auditor-Controller have collaborated to produce a draft amendment for each of the FFA and GH contract types. Consistent with your Board's direction that these two draft contract amendments be sent to the providers for comment prior to finalization, each FFA and GH provider was sent the amendment language for their review and comment on April 1, 2005. The Association of Community Human Service Agencies (ACHSA) who represents many of the FFA and GH providers was also sent the draft amendment language for review and comment. Written comments are expected within the next two weeks.

When the amendments language has been finalized, I will request your Board to approve these amendments effective September 1, 2005 for the FFA contracts and November 1, 2005 for the GH contracts.

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I also want to bring to your attention that the new contract for Refugio Para Ninos FFA, effective April 28, 2005 upon your Board's approval incorporates the same strengthened fiscal accountability language sought by amendment to the existing FFA contracts. The new Refugio Para Ninos FFA contract is on your Board Agenda for April 12, 2005.

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Attachments: Draft Amendment to the FFA Contract (Confidential)  
Draft Amendment to the GH Contract (Confidential)

c: County Counsel  
Office of the Auditor-Controller  
Chief Administrative Officer (Cover memo only)